

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the first full paragraph of page 1 with the following:**

The present invention relates to a device for hooking/unhooking connectors of the LC  
(light crimp) type.

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In particular, with reference to Fig. 4<sup>2</sup>, the LC connector has on a side a retaining latch  
LC-RL engaging in a corresponding slot in the socket on the front panel of the optical module.  
To operate the LC connector manually a minimum width of the front panel should be required,  
which is greater than the available one. This is a drawback especially for removing / unhooking  
the LC connector, as it should be needed to press the retaining latch with the fingers.

**Please add the following after the third full paragraph of page 3:**

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

Figs. 1A-1C show an exemplary embodiment of a device for hooking/unhooking an LC  
connector; and

Fig. 2 shows LC connectors.

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**Please replace the fourth full paragraph of page 2 through the first full paragraph of page three with the following:**

The invention will become fully clear from the following detailed description, given by way of a mere exemplifying and non limiting example, to be read with reference to the attached drawing figure 1Figs. 1A-1C wherein the device for hooking/unhooking connectors of the LC type is shown in front and side views.

As shown in fig. 1Figs. 1A-1C, on the front panel FP of the electronic module there are sockets SK especially designed to host the LC connectors LC.

The LC connector has on a side a "V" shaped retaining latch LC-RL which engages in a corresponding slot in the socket SK, when inserted in the socket (see the side views REST of Fig. 1A and PUSH in the figure in Fig. 1B).

According to the invention, an aperture guide (slot) AG is made close to the socket, as shown in Fig. 1C, where it is possible to thread a slide SL.

The front part of the slide SL comprises a "V" shaped protrusion VP provided towards the LC connector.

When the slide is in the rest position REST show in Fig. 1A, the LC connector is inserted in the socket so as the "V" shaped retaining latch LC-RL engages in the socket SK.

By pushing the slide by fingers from the front side of the module at the position labeled PUSH in Fig. 1C, when the slide SL is in the push position PUSH (shown in Fig. 1B) at the end of its stroke, the "V" shaped protrusion VP of the slide SL presses the retaining latch LC-RL,

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which is released from the socket, and the LC connector is unhooked.

In the rear part of the slide SL, a spring SP(~~not shown in the figure~~), connected to the slide and to the electronic module, pushes back the slide SL in the rest position REST when released by the fingers.